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SUBJECT: LOS: DAILY REPORT, COMMITTEE II, JULY 29, 1974.

1. SUMMARY: DEBATE CONTINUED ON CONTINENTAL SHELF ITEM.
TWO DIVERGENT TRENDS WERE EVIDENT: THOSE STATES FAVORING
EXTENSION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 MILES AND THOSE
STATES DESIRING TO LIMIT CONTINENTAL SHELF TO 200 MILES.
END SUMMARY.

2. EL SALVADOR SPOKE IN FAVOR OF COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION
OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF WHERE NATURAL PROLONGATION EXTENDED
BEYOND 200-MILES. REP. ALSO STATED THAT EQUIDISTANCE SHOULD
BE RULE FOR SHELF DELIMITATION BETWEEN STATES UNLESS
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE APPLICATION OF ANOTHER RULE.
ARGENTINA STRONGLY SUPPORTED ITS RIGHT TO MAINTAIN SOVEREIGN-
TY OVER ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 MILES. REP. ALSO
STATED THAT FALKLAND ISLANDS WERE LOCATED ON ARGENTINE
CONTINENTAL SHELF. SINGAPORE GAVE SERIES OF EASONS WHY
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EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION OVER SHELF RESOURCES BEYOND

200 MILES WOULD BE INEQUIRABLE. UGANDA ARGUED THAT 1958 CONVENTION ON CONTINENTAL SHELF WAS OUT OF TUNE WITH MODERN DEVELOPMENTS. VENEZUELA REAFFIRMED EXTENSION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF RIGHTS BEYOND PATRIMONIAL SEA. NEPAL ATTACKED INEQUITY OF SHELF CONVENTION FOR LANDLOCKED STATES. GREECE INTRODUCED ITS NEW DRAFT ARTICLES ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF REFLECTING ITS POSITION ON ISLAND ENTITLEMENT TO SHELF RESOURCES AND MEDIAN LINE FOR DELIMITATION. URUGUAY SUPPORTED RIGHT OF COASTAL STATES TO CONTINENTAL SHELF RESOURCES UP TO WHERE CONTINENTAL RISE REACHES OCEAN FLOOR. PAKISTAN SUPPORTED RIGHT OF COASTAL STATE TO CLAIM CONTINENTAL SHELF AREAS BEYOND 200MILES. EGYPT REFERRED TO OAU DECLARATION'S PROVISION ON 200 MILES LIMIT FOR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY ENDORSING AND RESERVED RIGHT TO RETURN TO POINT. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PROPOSED THAT CONTINENTAL SHELF JURISDICTION EXTEND BEYOND TERRITORIAL SEA THROUGHOUT NATURAL PROLONGATION AS LIMIT AND SPECIFICALLY OPPOSED BOTH MILEAGE CRITERION FOR SHELF DELIMITATION AND REVENUE SHARING FROM CONTINENTAL SHELF RESOURCES; THEY ALSO SAID CONSENT REGIME FOR ALL RESEARCH OF SHELF MUST BE PRESERVED. BURMA ENDORSED NATURAL PROLONGATION CONCEPT AND WAS OPPOSED TO REVENUE SHARING FROM SHELF RESOURCES; REP. ALSO VAFORED CONSENT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON SHELF.

3. CHAIRMAN COMMENTED THAT THERE WERE OVER 40 SPEAKERS ON LIST FOR CONTINENTAL SHELF DISCUSSION. HE APPEALED TO DELEGATES NOT TO REPEAT PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITIONS AND SCHEDULED NIGHT MEETING TO CLEAR SPEAKERS LIST.
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